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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 237550 SENT AMEMBASSY PANAMA ACTION DTD

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QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANUL NGOTIATIONS: WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES

FOR BELL FROM WYROUGH

I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 8 FROM THE DEPARTMENT RESPECTING
SEPTEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATING ROUND.

II.

1. LETTER FROM VEYSEY TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAND CARRIED
THIS MORNING. AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS ASKED THAT WE CABLE
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YOU TEXT

ND TEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHICH WAS ATTACHED.
HE ALSO ASKS THAT ITEM ON "SECURITY POSITIONS" NOT BE
ANNOUNCED TO THE PANAMANIAN AT THIS TIME. TEXT OF LETTER
AND PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

3. (C) I AM PLEASED TO REPORT TO YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE HAS IDENTIFIED TWO MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN

IN THE CANAL ZONE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PANAMA AND TO
ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

4. (C) THE FIRST ACTION, WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY,
INVOLVES ALLOWING THE PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD TO USE THE
COCO SOLO RUMP
AREA FOR THE LOADING AND OFFLOADING OF MA-
TERIAL TO BE USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOCOS DEL TORO
AREA OF PANAMA. THE COMMANDER 193RD INFANTRY BRIGADE IS
PREPARED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL
GUARD ONCE YOU INDICATE THAT ACTION IS APPROPRIATE. A
COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED.

5.(C) IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR IS PREPARED TO ANNOUNCE A
SIGNIFICANT REVISION IN THE CONCEPT OF "SECURITY POSI-
TIONS." AS YOU KNOW, THE NUMBER OF THESE POSITIONS HAS
GRADUALLY DIMINISHED OVER TIME, BUT THIS NEW CHANGE WOULD
REDUCE TO HALF THE EXISTING NUMBER OF SUCH POSITIONS.
THIS ACTION PARALLELS WHAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
BY THE MILITARY. MORE PANAMANIAN WILL THEREFORE BE ELIGI-
BLE FOR HIGHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY
AND CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT. THUS AN ENHANCED PROGRAM OF
UPWARD MOBILITY FOR PANAMANIAN WILL RESULT BEFORE THE
ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE MADE. SOME FINAL COORDINATION MUST BE
ACCOMPLISHED. THIS WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY AND I WILL
NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT.

6. (U) WE ARE CONTINUING TO STUDY ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS
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WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE. I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE PANAMA CANAL
COMPANY WILL GIVE YOU THEIR FULLEST COOPERATION IN THE
ADOPTION OF ANY OF THESE MEASURES.

7. SINCERELY YOURS, VICTOR V. VEYSEY, CHAIRMAN, PANAMA
CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WORKING GROUP. END QUOTE.

IV.

8. PROPOSS

AGREEMENT BEGIN QUOTE MEMORANDUM OF AGRESGA
MENT

9. THE COMMANDER OF THE 193D INFANTRY BRIGAGE AND THE
(REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GN) AGREE THAT:

10. A. THE PANAMA NATIONAL GUARD SHALL BE AUTHORIZED
OCC
SIONUL ISE OF THE COCO SOLO RAMPS AND ACCESS ROUTES
THERETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING NON-COMMERCIAL CARGO
XLONGING TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA WHICH IS TO BE USED
SPECIFICALLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOCAS DEL TORO.

11. B. THE PANAMA NATIONAL GUARD SHALL COORDINATE S
CH
USE OF THE COCO SOLO RAMPS WITH THE COMMANDER, 193D IN-
FANTRY BRIGADE. THIS COORDINATION IS TO BE COMPLETED
NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF EACH PLANNING
USAGE, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMANDER OF THE 193D INFANTRY
BRIGADE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE USAGE AT THE
DESIRS
TIME.

12. C. THE PANAMA NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACTIVITY. THE PANAMA
NATIONAL GUARD SHALL ALSO SAVE HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES
FROM ALL CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT
PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

13. D. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN CON-
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FORMITY WITH EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED
STATES AND ITS OFFICIAL AGENCIES. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
THIS AGREEMENT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON OTHER AGREEMENTS
AND TREATIES TO WHICH THE SIGNATORIES ARE PRESENTLY
PARTIES.

14. E. THIS AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON (). KISSINGER
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